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Dear Dr Bean

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2015 to the Honourable Jo-Ann Miller MP, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services, with a copy of your letter to the Honourable Mark Bailey MP, Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply, regarding minimum passing distances.

I have been asked to respond to you on behalf of Minister Miller and apologise for the delay in this reply.

The Minister appreciates you taking the time to share your concerns with her. She referred this matter to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) so our office could be better informed about the issues you have raised.

The QPS, through the Road Policing Command (RPC), continues to work with Cycling Queensland and Bicycle Queensland on issues relating to cycling safety. The QPS also engages with other road safety stakeholders including the RACQ, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) and the Queensland Trucking Association, generally, on the broader issue of road safety for all road users.

I am advised that the practical enforcement of the road rule associated with minimum passing distances is a matter for each police region to consider in conjunction with RPC. Policing priorities, and associated enforcement activity, will vary subject to local need and the availability of resources.

With respect to QPS policy regarding the commencement of proceedings, I can advise that prior to officers initiating action, an assessment is made to ensure that there is sufficient available and admissible evidence to substantiate the matter. Upon being satisfied that the requisite standard of evidence exists, a public interest test is conducted to assess whether the pursuit of a prosecution would be congruent with public expectations. This process applies equally to criminal and traffic matters.

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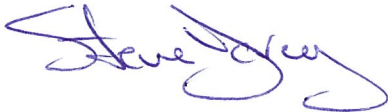
In relation to the outcomes of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Cycling, I can advise that DTMR has carriage of the implementation of the Inquiry's recommendations. The QPS will continue to work in support of DTMR and other stakeholders in progressing the work necessary to deliver the outcomes associated with those recommendations.

On the issue of offence reporting by cyclists, I understand that a web-based portal is being developed by the QPS to facilitate an easier and more efficient means by which cyclists can report matters to police. I can advise that both Cycling Queensland and Bicycle Queensland have been involved in its development and it is anticipated that the launch will take place in the near future. In the interim, the best way to report any offence is through Policelink on telephone 131 444.

If you require further information, Superintendent Dale Pointon, RPC is available on telephone (07) 3099 6074.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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**Chief of Staff**